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The White House Historical Association Awards Iowa State University Student with Hugh Sidey Scholarship- and Opportunity to Visit Washington, D.C. and the White House

*Prestigious Award Includes Invitation to the White House Correspondents'
Association Dinner and Mentorship Opportunities*

January 31, 2025 (Washington, D.C.) – The White House Historical Association, in partnership with Iowa State University's Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, has awarded Brayton Kohl with the [Hugh S. Sidey Scholarship in Journalism](#). Kohl will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and will visit Washington, D.C., attend the annual White House Correspondents' Association (WHCA) dinner and be matched with mentors from the WHCA. Kohl will also meet with journalists for mentorship opportunities while in Washington, D.C. Previous recipients of the High Sidey Scholarship have attended White House press briefings and visited media outlets including *POLITICO*, *The Washington Post*, and McClatchy News Service during the visit to Washington.

The Hugh S. Sidey Scholarship in Journalism at the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication was established in 2006 at notable journalist Hugh Sidey's alma mater, Iowa State University. The award supports aspiring journalists at the Greenlee School who exhibit extraordinary understanding of the responsibilities of covering the chief executive and the core principle of social responsibility that resides with journalists. The scholarship was made possible through the generosity of David M. Rubenstein. Students submit an essay to be considered for the scholarship.

"I feel honored to be selected by the White House Historical Association as the recipient of the 2025 Hugh S. Sidey Scholarship," Kohl said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the dinner and see all the history that Washington D.C. has to offer. I am looking forward to the trip and seeing all the talented journalists that cover American politics!"

Kohl is a third-year student from Jefferson, Iowa, majoring in journalism and mass communication and minoring in political science. He has written for the Iowa State

Daily since Fall 2023 and served as the academics editor for the Daily since August 2024. Kohl hopes to serve his community in the future, regardless of his role.

[Learn more about the Hugh S. Sidey scholarship.](#)

[Read this year's winning essay.](#)

About The White House Historical Association

First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy envisioned a restored White House that conveyed a sense of history through its decorative and fine arts. In 1961, the White House Historical Association was established to support her vision to preserve and share the Executive Mansion's legacy for generations to come. Supported entirely by private resources, the Association's mission is to assist in the preservation of the state and public rooms, fund acquisitions for the White House permanent collection, and educate the public on the history of the White House. Since its founding, the White House Historical Association has contributed more than \$115 million in fulfillment of its mission. To learn more about the White House Historical Association, please visit www.whitehousehistory.org.

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